

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17 19-21, 23 and 25-28, as amended, remain herein. Claims 29-38 remain herein but are presently withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants appreciate the statements in the Office Action that claims 2-13, 18, 19 and 24-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the independent claim(s) from which they depend.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of allowable claim 2, claim 16 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of claim 22 and allowable claim 24, and claim 17 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of allowable claim 18. Claims 2, 18, 22, 24 and 29-38 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-5, 8-10 and 12 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 2, and claim 19 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 17, thereby making claims 1, 3-17, 19-21, 23 and 25-28 allowable.

Minor, editorial changes have been made in claims 1, 3-17 19-21, 23 and 25-28.

The specification at page 9, lines 9 to 10, and page 13, lines 24 to 25, and claims 1, 16 and 17, have been edited to

replace the phrase "an individually-wired line array for supplying electric power or a signal such as a clock signal and a data signal" with --an individually-wired line array for supplying a clock signal, a data signal or electric power--.

1. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to provide an initialed copy of PTO Form 1449 indicating receipt and consideration of references accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 10, 2003.

2. Acknowledgement of applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and confirmation of receipt of a copies of certified copies of all priority documents, are respectfully requested.

3. The finality of the restriction requirement is acknowledged.

4. Claims 1, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Misawa et al. U.S. Patent 5,250,931 and Onisawa et al. U.S. Patent 6,226,060. Claims 1, 14 and 15 as amended, are

allowable as explained above herein, thereby mooting the rejection.

5. Claims 16, 17 and 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Misawa '931, Yamagishi U.S. Patent 5,365,091 and Tanizawa U.S. Patent 4,928,164. Claims 16, 17 and 20-23, as amended, are allowable, as explained above herein, thereby mooting the rejection.

All claims 1, 3-17, 19-21, 23 and 25-28 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 1, 3-17, 19-21, 23 and 25-28 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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